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As we wish our paper to be reliable, we shall endeavor to keep, as far as possible, the advertisements of all fradulent dealers out of our columns. We shall also mention in each issue any counterfeits that we may meet with, and so keep young collectors from being deceived by them.

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The Stamp Collectors of the World.

THE following list of stamp collectors, although seemingly large, is, we are sure, far behind the actual number:

United States, between 150,000 and 180,000; Canada, 30,000 to 50,000; South America, 4,000 to 5,000; Great Britain, 120,000 to 140,000; France and Belgium, 90,000 to 120,000; Germany, 50,000 to 80,000; Austria 30,000 to 60,000; Italy, 6,000 to 8,000; Spain and Portugal, 4,000 to 7,000; Switzerland, 6,000 to 8,000; all other European countries, 30,000 to 55,000; Asia, 1,500 to 3,000; Africa, 600 to 1,500; Australia, 2,000 to 3,000; West Indies, 600 to 4,000; countries and colonies not included in the above list, about 1,000; or a grand total of about 700,000.

The Stamps of Canada.

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Up to the year 1851 the postal service of Canada was under the control of the Royal Government, but on the 6th of April of that year it was transferred to the Colonial Government, and the Hon. J. Morriss was appointed first, to the position of Postmaster-General. As the rates of postage were then reduced, the Hon. Mr. Morriss at once entered into a contract with Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Batch & Edson of New York, for the manufacture of stamps to correspond with the reduced rates. They prepared three values, which appeared about the first of June, 1851.

Issue of 1851—thin laid paper, unperforated.
3 pence—vermillion.
6 pence—violet.
12 pence—black.

One year from that date, three additional values were issued. The 12 pence was withdrawn from circulation, and was succeeded by the ten pence. The 12 pence is now very scarce as there were only eight hundred and twenty copies issued. Proof copies may be obtained at five dollars each.

Issue of 1852, thick wove paper, unperforated
½ penny—rose.
6-7½ pence—green.
10 pence—blue.

A few of the three and six pence stamps also, in various shades, appeared on thick wove paper. The three lower values were issued with perforations early in the year 1857.

Issue of 1857, thick wove paper: perforated.
½ penny—rose.
3 pence—vermillion.
6 pence—violet.

We find about this time some stamps surcharged in black, 1d. and 8d. These, however, were spurious, and were never issued by the Canadian Government. Two years after (1859) a change was made in the currency of the country—the sterling currency being supplanted by the decimal system of dollars and cents. A new set of stamps was therefore required, and were prepared by the American Bank Note Company.

Issue of 1859, thick wove paper: perforated.

1 cent—red	1 cent—rose pink
5 cents—vermillion	5 cents—brown red
10 cents—lilac brown	10 cents—red lilac
12½ cents—sap green	12½ cents—blue green
17 cents—light blue	

Same issue: unperforated.
5 cents—vermillion

Issue of 1864, thick wove paper: perforated.
2 cents—pink

By virtue of the British North America Act of 1867, Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and British Columbia were to form one Dominion. This Act came into force on what was afterwards called Dominion Day, July 1st, 1867. In 1868 a beautiful series of stamps was issued. They were engraved by the British American Bank Note Company.

Issue of 1868, scroll wove paper; perforated.
½ cent—black
1 cent—orange
2 cents—green
3 cents—red
6 cents—brown
12½ cents—blue
15 cents—lilac

[TO BE CONTINUED].

The U. S. Executive Dep't Stamps.

In January, 1873, the U. S. Postmaster-General, Creswell, contracted with a New York firm for the engraving and printing of the Executive Department stamps at a cost of $2500 for the plates alone. The set was issued May 1st, 1873, the color of all of them being carmine:

1 cent	8 cents
2 cents	6 cents
10 cents	

The bust of Benjamin Franklin appears on the 1 cent stamp; that of Jackson on the 2 cent: George Washington's profile adorns the face of the three cent; while the portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson may be seen on the 6 cent and 10 cent stamps respectively. The company that manufactured them, at first charged the United States Government eighty cents per thousand for them, but afterwards reduced the price to nine and one-fifth cents per thousand.

They were intended when first provided to pay postage on the official mail coming from the President's office, but they were no longer needed after the introduction of the free official envelopes.

Personals

Messrs. Wettern & Ridgeley of Baltimore, have dissolved partnership, but both are still engaged in the wholesale trade.

The Philatelist (N. Y.) is a tasty monthly published by Joseph Holmes, Jr., 40 Fulton St., New York.

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New Issues.

AZORES—The lately described 10 reis Portugal has been surcharged for Azores.

BELGIUM—The 1 centime stamp has undergone another change, the color now being pearl.

CEYLON—It is said that the 2 cent stamp is now green, and 24 cents brown-violet.

GAMBIA—The 1½ pence post card has been issued in double form.

GOLD COAST—The half penny stamp is now green, the one penny red, and the two pence gray.

MONTSERRAT—A double 1½ penny post card is in use.

NEVIS—The color of the 2½ pence has been changed to blue, and that of the 4 pence to gray.

PARAGUAY—A new set of three values has appeared, bearing the arms in an oval: 1 centavo, green; 2 centavos, red; 5 centavos, blue.

PORTO RICO—The 20 and 80 cent stamps have been altered to green and red respectively.

ROUMANIA—The current 5 bani is now dark green.

SIERRA LEONE—The color of the 2 pence is now gray, and the 4 pence, brown.

TRINIDAD—A couple of newspaper wrappers have appeared. The designs are the same as those for Barbados. They are half penny green, and 1 penny carmine.

TURKEY—The 10 paras is now yellow-green on white.

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